

## EDITORIALS.

## HOW TO WORK FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

WE have received *The National Citizen and Ballot Box* for July. It is open to the same objections as its first issue. It aims at a worthy object in an unworthy manner. Woman suffrage we regard as proper and requisite. Suffrage, however, is not one of the rights of woman. We say this because under our system of government it is not one of the rights of man. Citizenship and the suffrage are two different questions. The Constitution and laws of the United States provide for citizenship; the laws of the several States and Territories provide for the suffrage, and those laws are different in different parts of the Union.

The *Ballot Box* contains several articles which none but extremists will endorse. A report is given of the mass convention of Missouri Prohibitionists, at which a delegation of women suffragists were present. Those ladies attempted to force the attachment of the following:

*Resolved*, That there shall be no distinction made between citizens of Missouri at the ballot box on account of sex."

It was shown that the suffrage question was distinct from that of temperance, but the ladies insisted on their motion, which was lost. Whereupon the *Ballot Box* says:

"Remember that Woman Suffrage was boldly opposed and cast aside by a body of men who had openly called for woman's help.

More than all this, remember that any reform which calls for aid from woman, and which does not make woman's equality of suffrage a component part of its demands, is a sham, a pretence, a humbug, and good for nothing. Women, one and all, keep your skirts clear from such organizations."

That is to say an organization for the purpose of effecting the prohibition of the liquor traffic is "a pretence, a humbug, etc.," because it does not tack on woman suffrage to the movement. These are the kind of follies that hinder the progress of the cause which these ladies represent. The suffrage is just as distinct an issue from prohibition as silver coinage, free trade or the Luddian question. Persons conscientiously opposed to the franchise for women could reasonably join the movement against the liquor traffic, and to make one a essential associate of the other would only hamper and injure both.

In the same paper, an article by Olympia Brown, commenting on some of the follies of Congressmen, says:

"Now let them return to their proper sphere, let them plow the fields, let them obey the command which God laid upon them in the beginning, to till the soil and earn their bread by the sweat of the brow. Let them work off some of that surplus animal vigor which they now expend in screaming and jumping in Congressional halls; let them attend to home duties, provide for their families, and bear the heavy burdens, and as for sitting in council, deliberating upon questions of State, making laws and such like, let them leave all that to women."

Since Olympia quotes the command of God in the beginning to man, suppose she and her companions pay a little attention to what the Almighty said concerning the other sex; viz: "And thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee." This spirit of antagonism, which a small number of prominent women in the United States are seeking to stir up against men, is a feature in their movement which can have but the effect to damage it. They do not seem content to strive for their rights, but wish to leap into a sphere which does not belong to them, and to usurp authority to which they are neither entitled nor adapted. And in their earnestness, to use a mild term, they cut such unseemly antics, and go so far beyond the bounds of common sense and decency, as to disgust those who would otherwise be friendly to their cause.

The report of the Senate committee, adverse to the petition for an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the States from disfranchising citizens on the ground of sex, is published in the *Ballot Box*, with comments containing some strong language denunciatory of Mr. Wadleigh and his associates who made the report. Now we think the ladies have made a mistake in their mode of procedure. The question of suffrage, as we have remarked, is for the decision of the States and Territories. Let their efforts be directed towards capturing some single State. Select the most favorable ground for their field of operations. When they succeed in establishing woman suffrage in one State they will soon find imitators, and before long their cause will succeed throughout the land. They talk and petition about prohibiting the disfranchisement of their sex. Why women can't be disfranchised, except in Utah and Wyoming, because they have not yet obtained the franchise. It is not an inherent right, as they claim, but a privilege, and every State and Territory in the Union has the constitutional power to confer the franchise upon female citizens as well as upon male citizens. And if they will agitate consistently, keep within the bounds of reason and decorum, and discarding their untenable points, advance their strong arguments, the country will be brought to see that whatever can be urged in favor of the suffrage for men may be applied equally to women, and the victory will be won. Consistent persistency will carry the cause, but the nonsense and extremes indulged in by many, if continued, will only ruin it. We are happy to note that the women of Utah perceive that their happiness and progress are identified with, not in antagonism to, the welfare and advancement of the sterner portion of humanity.

## A "SPIRITUAL" ERROR.

We are in receipt of An Address to the Clergy, issued by some members of the New Jerusalem church, "concerning the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg in connection therewith." The main object of the address is to direct the attention of the public to the doctrines of Swedenborg. The point projected on which to hang the most of the address is a "spiritual" explanation of the Second Advent.

After referring to the indications of the opening of a new dispensation of divine truth, and the wonderful changes which are taking place in every department of human knowledge and in the views and feelings of men, the intimation is given that Christian teachers are "looking amiss for the coming of the Lord;" that is, plainly spoken, all are wrong who expect the literal re-appearance on earth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

According to this address, Jesus is to come in the clouds of heaven, but the clouds mean "the letter of His holy word," and His coming signifies the revelation of the internal or spiritual sense of the scriptures as made known to Emanuel Swedenborg.

To us, and we think to all people who pay any respect to the evident meaning of plain language, this is no explanation at all, but merely a fantastic method of denying the second coming of Christ altogether. It is argued that at His first coming he did not appear as the Jews expected Him. That is true. And in all probability He will not appear at His Second Advent as Christians appear to expect Him. But His first coming was actual, visible, real. The predictions concerning Him were not fulfilled in a figurative, symbolical, mythical sense. We may therefore reasonably conclude that the promises concerning His second coming will be literally fulfilled.

And in regard to the manner of His coming "the second time without sin unto salvation," the angels who spoke to the disciples on the Mount as Jesus went up bodily in a cloud, gave all the explanation that is necessary to persons with common understanding. They said:

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from

you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts I. 11.

Jesus did not go up in "the clouds of the letter of His Holy Word;" therefore he will not come into to them at His second advent. He went up bodily, in the presence of those who were watching Him; therefore he will come again bodily "to those who look for His appearing."

We have not space at command to-day to enter into this matter more fully, but we testify to the writers of the Address and to all the world, that Jesus who died on Calvary's Mount will come again to earth, and all that has been predicted by the holy prophets concerning His advent will be accomplished to the very letter, before "this generation shall have all passed away." The Swedenborgians have made a great "spiritual" mistake.

## THE GREAT DEMAND OF THE AGE.

THE July-August number of the *North-American Review* contains an article entitled "An Advertisement for a New Religion." It starts out with the statement that "Among our advanced thinkers two points are now happily settled beyond the need of further inquiry and the propriety of reconsideration. One is that all the old religions, including Christianity, in one sense the best and in another the worst of them, are waxing old and must soon die." The second point is, "That man has religious instincts—is in short a religious animal and must have some sort of worship." Arguments are adduced in support of both these propositions, and the following is put forth as a necessary conclusion: "As man must have a religion, and the old religions are sick, dying, or dead, so we must have a new-born religion."

That the times, the state of public sentiment, and all the conditions of society taken together, demand a new religion is admitted by many great minds besides the historian Froude, whose articles on "Science and Theology" are making such a sensation, and the "Evolutionist," who is the author of the paper now under consideration. The creeds of the various sects contain too many inconsistencies to bear the strict scrutiny of modern investigation, and to stand the light of nineteenth century science and discovery. The Bible is being discarded, more in consequence of the false position in which its self-appointed expounders have placed it, than for its real demerits or any radical internal defects. The prevalent disbelief in all religion is the natural effect of the discovery of the fallacies of established ecclesiastical institutions, and of the absence of any legitimate authority or definite religious knowledge in their priests and preachers.

Science has proven that some things are false which the old religions, pretending to declare the divine word, have maintained were true. Philosophy, improperly assuming the name of Science, has advanced certain apparently anti-scriptural theories as though they were demonstrated facts, which the theologians are unable to controvert. And the public, only half-discriminating, and favoring skepticism in preference to faith, accept the doctrines of the new school—or rather of an old one revived—with as little positive proof in support as they find in the claims of the churchmen, on the lack of which they found their reasons for unbelief.

But the natural desire of a truly natural—not carnal—man is after the divine. There are powers and cravings and tendencies in humanity, of every race, age and degree, which science can neither explain nor satisfy. True religion alone supplies the wants of the internal senses, the spiritual portion of our being. False religions obtain their influence in the world in consequence of this universal need, and their promises to supply its demands. But there is no creed, however incorrect, that does not contain some elements of truth, and the hungry soul receives them with joy, although often mixed

with the husks of men's mistakes in great abundance.

The advertiser for a New Religion seeks for it "among our scientific doctors all over the world." Did any of the great controlling religions of the nations ever come from such a source? If not, is it rational to look there now for the faith required by the present age? "Evolutionist," according to his creed, expects a religion to be evolved out of humanity, upon the theory that the gods have been made according to the ideas of men. But the spiritual is not produced by the material, and true religion is from above, not from beneath. The men through whom the dominant creeds have come to mankind in different generations and races have sought to Deify for light, and their knowledge and power was in their divine inspiration. So, Joseph Smith, the latter-day seer, enquired and was enlightened of God, and authorized to usher in "the dispensation of the fulness of times," to introduce a new religion to the people of the period, although, like all truth, it is older than the earth on which we dwell. The system which he, under God, introduced, meets the wants of the times. It runs parallel with true science. It contradicts no established facts. It explains God in nature, not contrary to its laws. It makes Him the same always, and brings those who seek Him into harmony and communion with His Divine Spirit. It is a religion for this world as well as that which is to come. It comprehends the material as well as the spiritual. It governs every act of mortal life, and pertains to the living and the dead, the past, the present and the future.

"Evolutionist" admits that "Mormonism" is "the only new religion which has sprung up in our rather barren age," but claims that "it is very coarse and gross, and is a warning to us of what an unscientific faith may become." This shows that he, like many others who condemn it hastily and hotly, has neglected to examine it. "Gross and coarse!" Yes, it is, on the outside, and so is the sweetest nut that mortal ever cracked for the pleasant fruit within. But he has never sought beyond the surface, or he might have found, like those who have tasted of its inward qualities, that it is essentially spiritual, and reaches the very acme of refined and esthetic excellence. It pierces within the veil. It ascends to the highest heaven. But it lays hold on earth also. And a religion that is all sentiment, and contains nothing which the objector would call gross and coarse, is not fit for this world, nor any other orb on which people dwell with coarse and gross material bodies, fashioned out of the dust.

The "new religion" advertised for is here. It can be had and enjoyed by all who choose to comply with its conditions. It is not "an unscientific faith," but is strictly in accordance with scientific truth, though not in harmony with fantastic and speculative philosophy. It has come from God and leads to Him. It finds food for the soul. It supplies the needs of the immortal, heaven-born spirit. It reconciles, not denies, the ancient revelations of Jesus and Jehovah, and will ultimately unite humanity and Deity. It is the only antidote for the poison of skepticism, now being administered to humanity. And as it touches both earth and heaven, and treats of the temporal as well as the eternal, it will unfold to its devoted and faithful adherents the mysteries of the clouded past and the certainties of the glorious future; it will teach them how to live to day so as to enjoy the possibilities of the present; and will ultimately make plain the hidden things of the universe, and tear away the veil from The Unknown, whom "Evolutionist" and disbelievers, ancient and modern, have foolishly described as "The Unknowable."

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

A German astronomer has discovered a newly-formed water in the moon. It is in the centre of the moon's disc, in an immense plain, and is 13,000 feet in diameter.

Jeff. Davis believes in the right of secession just the same as if there had been no war, and no defeat of arms for the South. That is logical, whether it is correct or not. The idea that a victory of force proves

the conqueror right in principle is fallacious and ridiculous.

The *Queen* is a fashion magazine issued monthly by Mrs. M. G. Lapham, of First South Street. The number for July contains cuts of a number of dresses for ladies and children which are simple as well as elegant. The *Queen* contains well selected articles as well as fashion literature.

Sutro has triumphed. The great tunnel has been pushed through in spite of all obstacles natural, legal and illegal, and an opening has been made into the Savage mine. The feelings of the tunnelers, however, were the reverse of savage, and we hope Sutro will now secure the rights for which he has fought so long and persistently.

The spirit which governs usually rioters and mobocrats generally, was strikingly illustrated in the recent Quebec outbreak, when the "starving" unemployed broke into a store and stole 400 barrels of flour. Did they take it home to their hungry families. Not a bit of it. They sold it to grocers for \$1.50 a barrel and spent the money in whiskey.

The Dalton *Enterprise* tells of a singular circumstance in Sugar Valley, Georgia. A man was plowing in a field, when he blasphemously uttered the wish that God would have to plow in the heat of the sun as he did. The *Enterprise* says the man "immediately stopped still, as if turned to stone, and that two horses failed to pull him away." At last accounts he was still "rooted to the spot."

The three card monte swindlers have re-opened their nefarious business on the trans-continental railroad. Fools and their money are soon parted, but those who lose as well as those who gain ought to be legally punished for gambling, for the victim generally ventures on what he imagines is "a sure thing," to make a little money without earning it.

Bathing in Salt Lake is one of the very best of tonics, and is the most agreeable of nerve-strengtheners. Just now it is simply delightful. The train leaves at 5.30 and returns before 10 o'clock, leaving plenty of time to splash around in the tepid waters and return in the moonlight. The Utah Western have put up a number of free bathing houses at Lake Point, and the whole trip can be made for fifty cents. Good medicine.

Eliza Pinkston, the bleeding colored witness of the Republicans, having sworn that her former testimony was perjury, is not spoken of with common respect by her former political friends. The *Inter-Ocean* is disgusted with the Democrats for obtaining her recantation, and accuses them of "following the poor, ignorant woman up." Who were the first to follow her up? and why is she so suddenly transformed into a "poor, ignorant woman" from "a respectable and devoted colored person," and a "martyr to the Republican cause?"

The Island of Cyprus, ceded to England by Turkey, lies in the Mediterranean, about 200 miles north of the entrance to the Suez Canal. Its population is now about 200,000, though under Venetian rule it used to contain about one million of inhabitants. Its advantages as a naval station may be seen by reference to the map, and to England, with her eastern possessions and her interest in the Suez Canal, it is of great value. England shows remarkable sagacity in securing important strategic points in various parts of the world.

England has made her points and sustained her position before the world as the barrier in the path of Muscovite ambition. Turkey is whipped and humbled, but is not to be crushed while Great Britain says to the conqueror, "stand back." If Alexander takes Batoum, Victoria takes Cyprus; and if England gives up the island, Russia must yield the fortified places of Armenia. The "mistress of the seas" has held her own in the congress, and the northern tyrant has not made much by the southern invasion.

It is said that one of the most dangerous of spiders is that commonly known as the "black bottle" species. Persons bitten by it are frequently seized with paralysis. It may be known by its black bottle-shaped body, it is of the ordinary size but has long legs. It is only to be found where webs are allowed